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Sirs and Madame's,

I would like to add my voice to those who feel MS is once again trying to thumb there nose at DOJ and the rest of the computer industry while using the so called "settlement" as a tool for further destroying the competitions business and extending there monopoly power into new markets.

Obviously the "feel good" concept of donating to education is destroyed by the fact that:

- 1) They are trying to damage Apple Computers business in this market.
- 2) The 1 Billion figure is a joke with regards to Microsoft's actual costs/benefits.
- 3) They are continuing to behave in the same illegal fashion (ie .NET, Windows XP, Xbox, etc.).

Microsoft was bred on a tradition of paranoia and dirty dealings, the stories in the industry abound. They gained an overnight monopoly based on the market clout of the IBM brand in 1981, when IBM entered the market and (foolishly) allowed MS to license the same software's (dos/basic etc.) that they were licensing to others(compaq,dell,hp,emachines,gateway,etc). This created the current condition of hundreds of vendors competing with products that all use the identical Microsoft OS as there critical element.

I feel that any equitable settlement would involve two parts.

1) a large CASH payment (on the order of 10 billion). Lord knows this is still a drop in the bucket for them.

2) Oversight of there day to day operations by independent persons.

They need to be PUNISHED in way that makes them feel it, and forces them to change there attitude and operations.

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